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FORWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

The objectives of an Agricultural Society include the improvement of Agriculture, horticulture, home economics and the useful arts through exhibitions and cooperating with other organizations already in existence in promoting the progress of any branch of agriculture.

1. Agricultural Societies are a broad interest agricultural organization and are expected to provide year round attention to community concerns. An annual fair should only be one of an Agricultural Society's activities.

2. Experience indicates there are advantages to involving a broad cross-section of community interests on your board and in your committees. We also recommend a regular rotation of officers and committee chairmen, introducing new board and committee members where possible.

In order to maintain interest and participation, we recommend that no one should hold any one office or chairmanship for more than two years. (There will be exceptions and each Society must decide its policy on this matter).

3. Societies are encouraged to develop a program most suitable to their district to encourage maximum local participation. Priority should be given to your local community.

4. The Department of Agriculture includes rural communities and young people as being very important when considering improvement grants. In addition to 4-H, Societies should make every effort to provide an opportunity for all young people to perform and participate i.e. dancing, gymnastics, etc.

5. As per article 15, page 4, of the Agricultural Societies Act, each Society will hold an annual meeting between the seventh day of November and the fifteenth day of December each year. Twenty (20) members constitute a quorum at any Society general or annual meeting (article 24, page 6).

11. GRANTS

The Following Grants are available to Agricultural Societies

1. Prize Money
2. Educational displays, demonstrations or exhibits
3. Horticultural activities
4. Building & Improvements
5. Judges
6. Membership
7. 4-H & Youth Activities

1. PRIZE MONEY

(a) MAXIMUM GRANTS TO "C" FAIRS ACCORDING TO CATEGORY: (see last page)

CATEGORY	Total Prize Money Eligible for Grants (Approximate)	Maximum Grant Available at 75%
I.	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,200.00
II.	$ 2,666.00	$ 2,000.00
III.	$ 3,333.00	$ 2,500.00
IV.	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00
V.	$ 4,666.00	$ 3,500.00

Make prize money grant application on form A.S.(1)

1. PRIZE MONEY (continued)

(b) COST-SHARING PRIZE MONEY GRANTS (MAXIMUM 75%)

1. On approved classes - within conditions outlined in these regulations.

2. 4-H Club achievements held in conjunction with a fair.

NOTE:

We cannot cost-share prize money for sports events, entertainment attractions or other fun activities. Events such as baseball, horse races and rodeos, tractor pull, calf scrambles, etc. are not cost-shareable.

The Society will be responsible for paying all prize money costs above the maximum levels in each category and for special events.

(c) RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATIONS - are made for horses, beef and dairy cattle, and Home Living Sections. Societies are expected to use these recommended classifications as a guide to be adapted to local community needs and conditions.

We especially recommend the new Home Living Recommended Classifications.

The Agricultural Canada Livestock Classifications are recommended for beef and dairy classes for consistency from Fair to Fair.

Copies of the above recommended classifications have been made available to all Societies and more are available on request from the Superintendent.

2. EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Grants of up to 75% of cost may be made to a Society sponsoring educational displays or demonstrations or other educational events. The grant for educational activities must be part of the total prize money grant available to a Society (see Prize Money - page 1).

In applying for a grant, details on project must be provided including receipts for all expenses incurred.

An educational project under this section may be held separate from a Fair.

EXAMPLES:

a) A society might have a local livestock breeder exhibit; a specified number of representative animals of a new breed; or an exhibit of crossbred animals that would not normally be shown at their Fair.

b) A society might select an exhibit from a local breeder in beef or dairy cattle to represent the potential of this breed in the district This may apply in cases where there would not be enough local breeders for a competition.

c) A local industry such as potato growing, commercial vegetables, special crops, may be displayed to make people aware of their potential value to the area.

d) A society may sponsor a field demonstration to support a new innovation or new technology - to assist agricultural producers.

e) Well made display signs should be developed or purchased to properly tell the public about an educational exhibit.

f) Farm Safety Programs.

g) Educational meetings, conferences, seminars. Cos s associated with sponsoring or co-sponsoring educational meetings r conferences, are eligible for 75/25% cost-sharing as part of the prize money grant each society is eligible to receive. Please work with local extension office staff in arranging programs.

3. HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Horticultural classes may be included as part of the annual fair and grants may be claimed in the normal way.

The Department will reimburse an Agricultural Society for the expenses of a judge or judges for horticultural shows or home grounds competitions to a maximum of 50% of total cost. Please see section (5) Judges Grant for limitations and make application for grants on form A.S.8

4. BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS

a) Will be available to Class "C" Societies qualifying under the provisions of the Act, but subject to the limitation of funds Authorized by the Legislature for this purpose. Grants will not necessarily be available for all C Class Societies in any one year.

b) A Society could be expected to show that a proper agreement has been completed between local government and participants in a development where there is joint ownership of properties or facilities are owned by a local government body or other organization.

c) Guidelines to consider when applying for building improvement assistance.

i. The local Society must show its contribution to the building project when the application is submitted.

ii. Final grant approval is dependent upon the nature of the project, the total number of building grants applied for and the total budget available.

iii. The major criteria used for determining building grants are:

a. That the grant is to assist a society to maintain existing facilities.
b. Nature of project - multi-use facilities are given priority.
c. Financial and other contribution by the Agricultural Society.
d. Support, financial or other, from other community organizations.
e. The annual program of the Agricultural Society.

d) Applications for building improvements must be submitted by March 31/88 when these applications will be studied by a departmental committee and the Agricultural Society Advisory Board and recommendations made to the Minister of Agriculture for approval.

5. JUDGES GRANT

a) Judges fees based on $10.00 per hour and a maximum of $45.00 per day. Overtime may be paid at the rate of $10.00 per hour. The Department will pay a 50% grant toward judges' fees calculated on the above basis.

b) Societies that hire local judges who work for less than five hours may (if they wish) negotiate a lower fee that is acceptable to the judge.

c) Travel expenses will be cost-shared 50%-50% to a maximum of 35¢/mile or 21¢/km plus necessary meals and hotel costs (submit receipts for rooms)

d) To obtain the grant on judges, a society shall submit:

1. A receipt signed by each judge on Form A.S. (9)
2. An application in duplicate on Form A.S. (8) submitted to the superintendent with one copy of the receipt signed by each judge.
3. Hotel or motel receipts must be provided for judges' expenses. If receipts are not attached, this expense item will be deducted from the application.

e) Mileage for all judges must be reasonable.

f) Because of budget restrictions we will limit the expense for any one judge to $150.00 or $75.00 grant.

The Home Living Judges' List is revised regularly and it is to be utilized in obtaining Home Economic Judges. A Society may engage anyone they deem competent to judge agricultural classes. The Department will publish and provide recommended judges' lists, when possible, to assist societies. The lists will be forwarded automatically when and if available.

Note: Where fairs are on a mini-circuit or on consecutive days, it is advisable to consult your neighbouring fairs to avoid using the same judge on consecutive days, or at neighbouring fairs.

6. MEMBERSHIP GRANTS

Available to each Society that sends in an audited Annual Report. Fifty cents (50¢) is awarded for each member in the society up to a maximum of 400 members and with a 60 member minimum. Each society must keep an official membership registry, to be certified by your auditor. This registry must be available upon request.

7. 4-H & YOUTH ACTIVITIES GRANTS

Grants will be available to Agricultural Societies, on a 75%/25% sharing formula, to assist in the sponsorship of approved educational activities.

Activities eligible for support would be rallies, interclub competitions, judging seminars, and other educational activities of an interclub nature.

A breakdown of expenses associated with activities, including a list of clubs participating and individual prize winners must accompany the application for grants.

In order to ensure co-ordination of 4-H activities throughout the region, and to ensure that the funds available are utilized in the best possible way in support of 4-H, the grant funds available have been assigned to our regions as follows:

SOUTHWEST	$ 5,300.
CENTRAL	$ 4,700.
INTERLAKE	$ 1,800.
EASTERN	$ 1,200.
NORTHWEST	$ 2,000.

In each region the 4-H Specialist in conjunction with district staff will be co-ordinating the 4-H program and utilization of the 4-H grant funds.

Please consult your local Agricultural Office staff in regard to 4-H grant funds that might be available to your society.

Individual 4-H club achievements are not eligible for support under this section. Societies may sponsor 4-H achievements at the fair and claim prize money under the regular prize money grant program.

All applications for 4-H grants must be approved by the president and secretary and be forwarded to the local departmental office for approval and processing.

III. GENERAL

1. Correspondence - All general correspondence between the superintendent of Agricultural Societies and an Agricultural Society will be with the secretary (or manager if applicable). This includes all grant applications.

2. Classification - Each Agricultural Society has a designated classification as indicated on your certificate of organization. The prize money grant is regulated by the society classification (please see list attached on back page)

3. Prize Money Balance - There is no requirement to balance prize money payout between classes in order to qualify for maximum prize money grants. However, we expect reasonable balance between classes and in prize money paid out. Societies must assume responsibility for prize money costs over and above the grants available. Please note that Agricultural Societies may utilize their regular prize money grant to sponsor individual 4-H achievements or educational activities separate from the fair. (see grants 2 & 7)

4. Judges at one day fairs - Please be sure sufficient judges are hired to allow judging to be completed and display buildings to be opened to the public in reasonable time.

5. Exhibitors' Schools - Agricultural Societies are encouraged to sponsor exhibitor schools to encourage new exhibitors and to introduce new ideas. Contact local department staff for assistance.

6. Swine Shows - If swine shows are sponsored, it is extremely important that effective constraints and regulations be specified to ensure the health status of animals shown. A minimum requirement should be enrollment in a provincial herd health program which specifies certain standards for disease prevention and control.

7. Cattle Classes - It is recommended that for consistency, all classes for beef and dairy cattle be listed in your prize list and shown in the ring in the order of the youngest class through to the oldest class.

8. Fat Stock Shows and Sales - Steers entered in a fat stock show and sale must be offered for sale. These animals are not eligible to be entered in a second fat stock show and sale. Any animal not slaughtered following the sale, can only be re-entered in provincial or national competitions.

   If a sale is not involved with your show the above rules do not apply.

   The assistance of Agricultural Societies in enforcing this rule will be appreciated.

9. Brucellosis - In June 1984, the federal Minister of Agriculture declared that effective July 1, 1984, the Prairie Provinces would be declared a Brucellosis free region. Therefore, cattle showing at fairs in Manitoba that originated from the Prairie Provinces or B.C. will not require a Brucellosis test in 1988. Cattle originating outside the region may require testing - please check with your nearest Health of Animals branch. (list at back of these programs & policies).

10. Coggins Test - There is a new outbreak of Equine Infectious Anemia or Swamp Fever in horses in Manitoba. There is no vaccination for prevention, or cure for this disease. Horses harbouring the disease can be detected by a blood test known as the Coggins Test. Societies should consult local horse exhibitors to determine if they wish the protection of a required negative Coggins Test. A compulsory test is recommended.

11. Midways (All Midways are inspected by the Department of Labour)

    If you have any questions about Midways, or the inspection of Midways, please contact Mr. Paul Hagen, Supervisor of Inspectors, Mechanical & Engineering Branch, 500 Norquay Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8. Telephone 945-3378 Midways are listed in the rural and city phone books under Carnivals.

    Those Societies requiring a Midway for their fairs must negotiate directly with the operators. For your convenience the Amusement Operators in Manitoba are listed below:

MAPLE LEAF AMUSEMENTS	Bill Kennedy, Lot 161, St. Annes Rd. Wpg.	Ph: 253-0763
MIDWEST SHOWS	Don Kennedy, 94 Riel Ave. Wpg.	Ph: 257-9674
SATURN SHOWS	Dave Smith, 264 Foxgrove Ave. E. St. Paul.	Ph: 669-2932
SELECT SHOWS	Bob Mills, Box 15, Gr. 374, R.R.#3 Selkirk	Ph: 669-4593
WONDER SHOWS	Henry Saluk, Box 42, Gr. 327 R.R.#3 Selkirk	Ph: 757-4438
WESTERN CANADIAN AMUSEMENTS (Kiddie Karnival Amuse.)	Ted Buzunis, 136 Oakdean Blvd. Winnipeg	Ph: 832-3795

IV. HOME LIVING SECTIONS are important, and prize money offered should be considered with costs involved. Societies should follow the (1985) recommended classifications and select judges from the latest recommended judges list. The "Standards for Judging of Foods, Clothing and Handicrafts" printed in 1978 for Fairs & Exhibitions should be used by all societies (please note we are in the process of updating these standards and we may have them out in time for the summer (1988).

V. SHEEP, GOAT AND/OR SWINE should be considered only if local producers wish to participate

VI. LIVE POULTRY SHOWS Live poultry shown must be free of Pullorum. Any birds not purchased from a registered hatchery, should be tested. Please contact the Poultry & Feed Analysis Section, Animal Industry Branch, Agricultural Services Complex, 545 University Crescent, Winnipeg Phone: 945-7678 for information.

VII. HONORARY LIFE CERTIFICATES - are available from this office. The society makes the decision on who receives the certificate and why! Send name and address of recipient exactly as you wish them to appear on the certificates. We recommend using given names - for example: (Mrs. or Miss) Jean Smith, rather than Mrs. John Smith.

VIII. ADVISORY BOARD FEE - Each Society contributes to the Agricultural Society Advisory Board on the following basis:

"A" CLASS FAIRS	- $100.00
"B" CLASS FAIRS	- $ 90.00
"C" CLASS FAIRS,	
Category 4 & 5	- $ 85.00
Category 2 & 3	- $ 80.00
Category 1	- $ 75.00

IX. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

An Agricultural Society is expected to have representatives at the Annual Provincial Conference. Each Society will be allowed two (2) voting delegates. Official notification as to date, location and agenda will be provided to each society in advance. The 1988 annual conference will be held on November 24 & 25 at the Ag Centre, 1129 Queens Avenue, Brandon, Manitoba.

For Further Information re the above, please contact your District Director.

X . MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES: (M.A.A.S.)

At the Annual Agricultural Societies Conference in 1986, a formal association with a board mandate to represent the interests of Agricultural Societies was formed. A constitution to govern the affairs of the association was adopted.

The 1988 Board of Directors follows on Page 8 of this document.

Mr. Ron Church, President, Killarney, Manitoba	523-8458
Mr. Allan Drysdale, Vice-President, Neepawa, Manitoba	476-2723
Mr. Curtis Evenson, Executive Member, St. Jean, Manitoba	758-3334
Mrs. Marg Yule, Secretary, Stonewall, Manitoba	467-5698
Mrs. Rhoda Collins, Treasurer, 810 - 401 York Ave. Wpg.	945-4524
Mrs. Marie Hebert, St. Pierre, Manitoba	433-7526
Mr. Jim Bigelow, Crystal City, Manitoba	873-2054
Mr. Don Brown, Kenton, Manitoba	838-2089
Mr. Warren Sigurdson, Cypress River, Manitoba	743-2259
Mr. Arnold Gray, Hamiota, Manitoba	764-2047
Mr. Jack Mitchell, Roblin, Manitoba	937-2967
Mr. Bob Flock, Douglas, Manitoba	763-4363
Dr. Rex Leach, Swan River, Manitoba	734-2092
Mrs. Anna Finnson, Arborg, Manitoba (Gov't Appointee)	364-2324
Mrs. Barb Ekin, Boissevain, Manitoba (Gov't Appointee)	534-6890

FUTURE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ACCORDING TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION

XI . For your information the following is a list of Federal Animal Health Offices in Manitoba

BOISSEVAIN	P. O. Bldg. Box 696, ROK OEO (Dr. Hemmingway)	534-6288
BRANDON	P. O. Box 175, 3300E, Victoria Ave. W. R7A 5Y8 (Dr. F. W. Clayton)	726-7556
CARMAN	P. O. Bldg. Box 569, ROG OJO (Dr. A.E.Miller)	745-2292
DAUPHIN	317 Main St. N. Box 370, R7N 2V2 (Dr. K. P. Stephusyn)	638-3322
EMERSON	P. O. Bldg. Box 146, ROA OLO (Dr. E.J.Shideler)	373-2346
MINNEDOSA/SHOAL LAKE	P. O. Bldg. P.O. Box 37, ROJ 1EO (Dr. P. A. Weetman)	867-3241
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE	207 P. O. Bldg. Box 925, R1N 3C4 (Dr. K. D. Sloik)	857-4171
SWAN RIVER	P. O. Bldg. Box 146, ROL 1ZO, (Dr. K.P.Stephusyn)	734-3295
WINNIPEG/= INTERLAKE	401 - 145 McDermot Ave. Wpg. R3B OR9 (Dr. D. W. Richards)	983-2219
HEAD OFFICE	VID Food Production & Inspection Branch, Ag Canada, 613 - 269 Main Street, Wpg. R3C 1B2 (Dr. A. C. van der Meulen)	983-2200

X II. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES ACT

All Societies have received a copy in the past and it should be in your files. This Act serves to govern your activities and provides the authority for government to make grants. The Act also provides each society with the authority to pass your own bylaws. Please read the Act and be sure you follow the provisions of this Act. Additional copies are available on request.

XIII. GRANT APPLICATIONS

We will provide blank grant application forms to each society for purposes of claiming grants. We would request that all grant applications be submitted as soon as possible after the event in question has been held. Section 30(4) Page 8 states that grant applications are to be submitted any time subsequent to the holding of the exhibition or competition - and previous to the first day of November.

Your co-operation in submitting applications promptly will be appreciated.

MANITOBA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
1987 CLASSIFICATIONS

CATEGORY I

Arthur E. D. (Melita)
Foxwarren
McCreary
Roland
St. Vital
Teulon
The Pas (Opasquia)
Wawanesa

CATEGORY II

Birtle
Brokenhead (Beausejour)
Deloraine
Greenway (Baldur)
Kelwood
Notre Dame de Lourdes
Plumas/Lansdowne
Rhineland
Rossburn
St. Pierre
Springfield (Dugald)

CATEGORY III

Cypress River
Elkhorn
Glenboro
Holland
Hanover (Grunthal)
Oak Lake
Pipestone Albert (Reston)
Rockwood (Stonewall)
Treherne

CATEGORY IV

Arborg
Beautiful Plains (Neepawa)
Crystal City/Clearwater
Gladstone
Harding
Miami
Manitou
Oak River
North Norfolk/MacGregor
Pelican Lake (Ninette)
Rapid City
Rivers
St. Claude
Souris & Glenwood
St. Andrews/St. Clements (Selkirk)
Stanley (Winkler)

CATEGORY V

Carberry
Gilbert Plains
Hamiota
Killarney
Lundar
Minnedosa
Roblin
Russell
Shoal Lake
Strathclair
Turtle Mountain (Boissevain)

NOTE: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THESE PROGRAMS & POLICIES FOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES PLEASE CONTACT:

* R. Morris Deveson, Superintendent, Agricultural Societies Phone: 945-4522
* Rhoda Collins, Assistant Sup't, Agricultural Societies Phone: 945-4524

Mailing address of above: 810 - 401 York Avenue, Winnipeg R3C 0P8

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